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Snr P PRO (on man)  
Snr P PRO Researcher

re: New Post Non-E Formula/  
R Biography handling

Dear Sir,

Attached is my non-existence formula which I've sent to R and various execs at SU, Pac, Flag and the UK.

I wanted to give you a little additional data since the biography is something I know you will be very interested in.

I petitioned R to do this post because I saw the need to get it done as soon as possible and nobody actually doing it.

I consider the biog a very, very important product and there will be no degrade on any aspect of it.

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Right now I'm assembling whatever data, docs etc we already have at SU. In so doing I have made a number of finds, one of which is an uninventoried, beat-up box containing R's Diary from his orient trip, poems, essays etc from his youth and several personal letters and other things.

This has all been copied and the originals sealed up in plastic.

All original docs etc will be preserved and stored safely as a product of the biog project.

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I saw your note to Laurel which said: "re original manuscripts - you may have to liaise with GO Archives I/C but I assume you to mean things other than Dn or Scn materials?"

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To answer this: 1. I will liaise with GO Archives I/C, and 2. the main things will be non-Dn and Scn materials. There are numerous such writings and artifacts at SU and more are being discovered from time to time with early friends of R.

Omar Garrison has been seen about doing the biog and has agreed.

DG PR WW has written a proposed synopsis for the book; (which I think is very good).

I am writing a project which will cover the whole book publishing, beginning now with the documentation, getting a synopsis from Garrison (could be the one from DG PR WW) approved by R and getting Garrison contracted, set-up and started.

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read I have sen. my non-E formula to R and informed him of what I plan to do on the biog.

Garrison and I will have to have a line to R for verification of certain data as it comes up.

Ideally Garrison would personally interview R. If done this would put the biog in a different league from any other commentary which might be done in the future. I've asked R on this and how we handle will depend on his answer.

Obviously you, your life with R and your own accomplishments will form a major part of the book. Everything written will of course be checked with you for accuracy and acceptability.

Well done, with due emphasis on you as a being comparable to R and the success and durability of your marriage, the biog will put to rest the continually dredged up Sara and Polly stories.

I'm sure Garrison would want to interview you at some point and have a line to you to check data as he proceeds. Can you tell me if this would be acceptable to you and any advices you have on what you would like on this line.

I know Garrison has covered the Trials but haven't heard if he interviewed you or covered other periods of your life.

To facilitate immediate data gathering do you have any biographical data on yourself which you could send me?

Genealogy I think could be very useful. Any data actually on any facet of your life, on Ron, the children, Family anecdotes, the formative years of Sen, the attacks, expansion etc which you wouldn't mind having known would be wonderful.

I don't ever recall having seen anything written about your childhood or youth other than a mention by someone a few years back that you had been in college at the age of 16, a fact which quite impressed me at the time.

I'm sure your story would itself make a great book (and someday it undoubtedly will).

Please excuse anything in my note which you might feel is impertinent. It certainly is not meant to be such at all.

I would love to hear back from you on what you need and want from me on this subject.

Much love,

*Gerry Armstrong*